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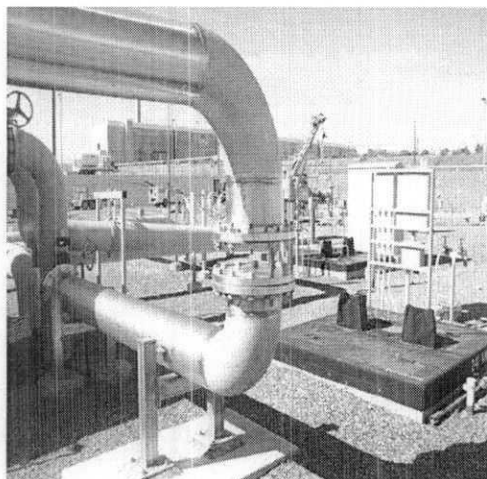
## Public Comment Period

### SETTING NEW AIR QUALITY STANDARDS IN HANFORD'S TANK FARMS

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The Washington State Department of Ecology invites you to comment on two proposed air emission permits. Proposed permit approvals would set new standards for certain toxic and carcinogenic pollutants for the ventilation systems in Hanford's tank farms.



Suction duct work for new ventilation system in the AW Tank Farm (expansion joint not yet installed)

One notice of construction application is for a new ventilation system in the AN and AW double-shell tank farms in Hanford's 200 East Area. The existing treatment and ventilation equipment dates back to the 1970s. The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP), is replacing this equipment. Before using the new equipment, ORP should update its air pollutant permit.

The second notice of construction application is for the operating ventilation systems ORP uses when retrieving wastes from single-shell tanks.

Permit updates are needed to include limits for nitrosoamines and to recognize the emission of pollutants, which have been found through analysis or are expected when ORP transfers wastes from single-shell tanks to double-shell tanks. We will need to set standards in these permits for nitrosoamine emissions.

The permittee is the U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection, P.O. Box 450, Richland WA 99352.

#### How can you learn more about the proposals?

The documents related to the proposals are available online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commentperiods.htm>. You can review them at Ecology's Nuclear Waste Program Resource Center. For a viewing appointment call 509-372-7920. You can also review the proposals at Hanford's Public Information Repositories, listed below.

Ecology has not planned to hold a public hearing, but will all consider requests. If you have further questions, or to request a hearing, please contact Madeleine Brown, 509-372-7936 or [mabr461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:mabr461@ecy.wa.gov). You can also phone the toll-free Hanford cleanup line, 1-800-321-2008.

#### How do you make a comment?

Indicate if your comments relate to the single-shell tank farm notice or the double-shell tank farm notice, or both. Send all comments by Wednesday, July 25, 2007 to:

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#### HANFORD PUBLIC INFORMATION REPOSITORIES

##### Richland

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Reading Room  
Consolidated Information Center, Room  
101-L  
2770 University Dr.  
Attn: Janice Parthree  
509-372-7443

##### Spokane

Gonzaga University  
Foley Center  
502 E. Boone Ave.  
Attn: Linda Pierce  
509-323-3834

##### Seattle

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Attn: Don Frank  
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